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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT OF DR. LEON SULLIVAN

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS LITTLE POTENTIAL FOR VOCATIONAL
TRAINING IN UAE AND RECOMMENDS AGAINST VISIT OF DR. SULLIVAN.

2. ALTHOUGH UAE IS DEFINITELY SHORT OF SKILLED NATIONAL
LABOR FORCE, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT UAE GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE MUCH
PRIORITY TO VOCATIONAL TRAINING OVER NEXT FEW YEARS. NOT ONLY
IS IT EASIER AND FASTER TO IMPORT REQUIRED LABOR SKILLS FROM
OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES AND SOUTH ASIA, BUT GIVEN SCOPE OF
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN UAE, LIMITED LOCAL POPULATION COULD
NEVER SUPPLY EVEN A GOOD FRACTION OF TOTAL MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS.
THIS SITUATION, PLUS ALL THE USUAL AND WELL KNOWN OBSTACLES
TO RECRUITING QUALIFIED CANDIDATES, HAS LED MINISTRY OF LABOR
TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING CENTERS IN LABOR
SURPLUS COUNTRIES ((E.G. YEMEN) TO INSURE CONTINUED FLOW
OF APPROPRIATELY SKILLED FOREIGNERS.
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